



WHEREAS, more than 86,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are serving in more than 2,570 national and local nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, and other groups across Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, National Service Members serve their communities by improving education, protecting public safety, improving health care, safeguarding the environment, providing disaster relief and promoting civic engagement; and,

WHEREAS, more than 2,600 AmeriCorps Members serving in Illinois will take their pledge today and promise to carry this commitment to service throughout their lives; and,

WHEREAS, over 19,000 Senior Corps Members are currently contributing their time and talents through the Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) programs; and,

WHEREAS, the Learn and Serve America program provides grants to schools, colleges, and nonprofits to engage more than 64,000 Illinois students in community service, civic learning and community service each year; and,

WHEREAS, the Serve Illinois Commission is charged with enhancing and supporting community volunteerism in all its forms and in the administration of the AmeriCorps State program in Illinois:

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2011 as **NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY** in Illinois, and congratulate Illinois' AmeriCorps and the National Service family of programs, both past and present, on their service in strengthening communities through volunteerism in the State of Illinois.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



Jose White
SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,
this TWELFTH *day of* OCTOBER *, in*
the Year of Our Lord two thousand and
ELEVEN *, and of the State of Illinois*
the one hundred and NINETY-THIRD

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR